



November 2020 Newsletter

From the WAKE President; Sheila Kluck

Welcome all, we hope you are doing well, all things considered. Hopefully, you are enjoying some time in the outdoors with safe social interactions.

Within Covid restrictions, we have some fun events coming up. Here is an overview of several things going on in WAKE:

1. January monthly presentations will start on Zoom.
2. Kayak paddles in small groups: New Year's Day; Skagit Eagle Float; Dakota / California Creek
3. WAKE nominations and elections in November and December
4. Sadly, but obviously, no Christmas party or auction due to Covid-19
5. Cascadia Marine Trail grant
6. Website and Newsletter
7. WAKE Facebook page
8. Membership and business
9. Thank you
10. Board meeting January 6th via Zoom

Monthly presentations and Club Meetings will resume in January, but by Zoom. Previously postponed presenters are being scheduled, not necessarily in this order:

- Gary Goodall, County Hydrologist, will present about rivers and floods in Whatcom County. January 19, Zoom meeting opens at 6:50, meeting begins at 7pm.
- Susan Conrad, WAKE member, will present her Inside Passage solo kayak trip, as related to her book "Inside".
- Robbie Munger will present on his circumnavigation of Vancouver Island.
- Becky Hardy will present about her wonderful paddling trips.
- Members Presentations are welcome, and multiple short

ones can be done in a meeting. Please contact a board member about your presentation or to request one.

- Ed Alm can present an educational session Tides and Currents, as well as a Navigation.

Some kayak paddles in small groups are coming up. Additional details will be on the website calendar and short notice emails <https://wakekayak.org/events/>. Covid kayaking restrictions still apply per WAKE's website and newsletter and state guidelines. Membership and a new signed 2021 waiver are required.

- New Year's Day Paddle. January 1st we anticipate meeting at the Community Boating Center late morning. We will break into small groups per Covid protocol. Destination options include Chuckanut Island and Teddy Bear Cove. Smaller group leaders are needed. We can plan on a restaurant for an outdoor lunch/linner (sic) following the paddle.
- Skagit River Eagle Float: Tom Borst will initiate this annual paddle on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Time, meeting place, covid shuttle plan, and additional information will be on the website calendar and a short notice email. Safely shuttling will involve some brainstorming, extra effort, and more cars than usual.
- Dakota Creek / California Creek near Blaine, WA: Jeremy Boyer will initiate his annual paddle around January. Susan Benepe volunteered to be a co-leader. Additional information will be on the website calendar and a short notice email.

WAKE elections, preceded by requests for nominations and volunteers, are being emailed out. A description of each position will be included. Dave Riffle, co-VP, and Sue Gunn, volunteer, will be handling the matter. The first email will request nominations and volunteers. Around December 1, members will be asked to vote.

Sadly, there will be no Christmas party or auction this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Squaticum Yacht Club is being reserved for the first Friday in December 2021.

Cascadia Marine Trail Maintenance grant #20-2113 is being considered to fund maintenance on the 40 sites throughout the Puget Sound, San Juan Islands, and coast including the Lummi Island DNR campground. The sites are managed by Washington State Parks and the DNR. Grant components include upgrading wayfinding signage, informational kiosks, and site amenity repair and replacement including picnic tables and camping infrastructure. This targeted maintenance will support and improve the water trail, recreational, and camping opportunities. The WAKE board has provided a letter. If you have used the trail sites, or at least appreciate its value, please see details below to send your own

letter and provide support.

Website and newsletter:

- The WAKEkayak.org website has a great wealth of information. It is worth clicking around and seeing what you can find to expand your knowledge of kayaking and paddling here and elsewhere. It includes the WAKE library, where books, videos, and magazines can be requested and borrowed. <https://wakekayak.org/library/>
- The website and newsletter always benefits from your stories and photos. Please provide them, and your input is welcome. Deadlines for the Newsletter is the 1st of the month, although they can always go into the next one.

WAKE has a Facebook page: Friends of Whatcom Association of Kayak Enthusiasts (WAKE).

Membership and business:

- 2020 membership is extended through December 2021 due to covid. If you didn't pay dues for 2020, you will finally be removed from the short notice emails in early January. Please renew and stay connected. <https://wakekayak.org/membership/>
- WAKE currently has 64 paid members. It is understandably down during covid.
- Thank you to Amy Hammer for filling in as Co-Vice President while Brian "Doc" Lange is indisposed.

Thank you to all volunteers, board members, presenters, newsletter editor, website managers, people who initiated a trip, helped with MHM Members Helping Members and shared their knowledge. You all make this organization work. And you make it fun.

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 6th via Zoom. WAKE members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to susan@wakekayak.org to receive the meeting link.

Stay Safe and Happy Paddling,
Sheila Kluck
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Any paddlers that have paddled (or aspire to) the Cascadia Marine Trail or camped at any of the 40 trail sites & campsites throughout Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands, and the coast, see map and information at <https://www.wvta.org/water-trails/cascadia-marine-trail/>.

Letters are needed supporting grant funding for maintenance. Please address your letters to:

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Attn: Randy Kline, Parks Planner
1111 Israel Road SW
Olympia, WA 98504-2650

Identify that your letter of support is for "Cascadia Marine Trail Maintenance in the Recreation and Conservation Office, grant application #20-2113"

To all WAKE club members:

What do you want to see in your monthly newsletter? Share your photos, positive antidotes, kayaking trips and tips...

Thank you for your contribution.

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Picture on right: Hot Creek Geological Site near Mammoth